

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for media streaming, comprising:

receiving a request from a client to a server via a network in accordance with a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) to stream a certain portion of a media file of a given type;

passing the request to a servlet running in conjunction with the server;

parsing the request using the servlet to ~~identify select, responsively to the request, elements of the media file select, responsively to the request, to be transferred to the client; and~~

streaming the identified elements from the server to the client as a HTTP response.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein parsing the request comprises determining a processing action to be applied to the elements of the media file, and wherein streaming the identified elements comprises applying the processing action to the elements.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein parsing the request comprises determining a parameter applicable to the processing action, and wherein applying the processing action comprises processing the elements of the media file responsive to the parameter.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein determining the parameter comprises determining a limitation on a media playing capability of the client, and wherein the processing action comprises modifying the identified elements in response to the limitation.

5. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein determining the limitation comprises identifying a network bandwidth, and wherein modifying the identified elements in response to the limitation comprises altering the elements responsive to the network bandwidth.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein determining the limitation comprises determining a resource level provided by the client, and wherein modifying the identified elements comprises selecting the identified elements responsive to the resource level.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein applying the processing action comprises transcoding at least one of the elements of the media file into a desired media format.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~claim 8~~  
~~claim 1~~, wherein the elements of the media file comprise an ordered sequence of frames, and wherein parsing the request ~~selecting the elements~~ comprises selecting a segment within the sequence.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein the elements of the media file comprises a plurality of media tracks temporally juxtaposed in parallel, and wherein selecting the elements comprises selecting one or more of the tracks.

11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for media streaming, comprising a server which is arranged to receive a request from a client via a network in accordance with a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) to stream a certain request of a media file of a given type, and which is further arranged to run a servlet and to pass the request to the servlet, to parse the request using the servlet to identify select,

responsively to the request, elements of the media file  
corresponding to the requested portion to be transferred to the  
client, and to ~~steam~~-stream the identified elements from the  
server to the client as a HTTP response.

12. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 11,  
wherein the server is arranged to use the servlet to parse the  
request so as to determine a processing action to be applied to  
the elements of the media file, and to apply the processing  
action to the elements.

13. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 12,  
wherein the server is arranged to use the servlet to determine a  
parameter applicable to the processing action, and to apply the  
processing action based on the parameter.

14. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 13,  
wherein the parameter is indicative of a limitation on a media  
playing capability of the client, and wherein the server is  
arranged to apply the processing action so as to modify the  
identified elements in response to the limitation.

15. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 14,  
wherein the limitation applies to a network bandwidth, and

wherein the server is arranged to use the servlet to modify the identified elements in response to the network bandwidth.

16. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the limitation applies to a resource level provided by the client, and wherein the server is arranged to use the servlet to select the identified elements in response to the resource level.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein the processing action comprises transcoding at least one of the elements of the media file into a desired media format.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~claim 18~~  
~~claim 11~~, wherein the elements of the media file comprise an ordered sequence of frames, and wherein the server is arranged to use the servlet to select a segment within the sequence responsive to the request.

20. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the elements of the media file comprises a plurality of media tracks temporally juxtaposed in parallel, and wherein the server is arranged to use the servlet to select one or more of the tracks responsive to the request.

21. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 11,  
wherein the server comprises a cluster of servers, arranged so  
that the HTTP request is handled by one of the servers in the  
cluster, and the servlet is run on a different one of the  
servers in the cluster.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer software product  
for media streaming, comprising a computer-readable medium in  
which program instructions are stored, which instructions, when  
read by a computer, cause the computer to receive a request from  
a client via a network in accordance with a Hypertext Transfer  
Protocol (HTTP) to stream a certain portion of a media file of a  
given type, and which is further arranged to run a servlet and  
to pass the request to the servlet, to parse the request using  
the servlet to ~~identify-select, responsively to the request,~~  
~~elements of the media file corresponding to the requested~~  
~~portion to be transferred to the client, and to steam-stream~~ the  
identified elements from the server to the client as a HTTP  
response.

23. (Original) A product according to claim 22,  
wherein the instructions cause the computer to use the servlet  
to parse the request so as to determine a processing action to  
be applied to the elements of the media file, and to stream the

identified elements by applying the processing action to the elements.

24. (Original) A product according to claim 23, wherein the instructions cause the computer to use the servlet to determine a parameter applicable to the processing action, and to apply the processing action based on the parameter.

25. (Original) A product according to claim 24, wherein the parameter is indicative of a limitation on a media playing capability of the client, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to apply the processing action so as to modify the identified elements in response to the limitation.

26. (Original) A product according to claim 25, wherein the limitation applies to a network bandwidth, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to use the servlet to modify the identified elements in response to the network bandwidth.

27. (Original) A product according to claim 25, wherein the limitation applies to a resource level provided by the client, and wherein the instructions cause the computer to use the servlet to select the identified elements in response to the resource level.

28. (Original) A product according to claim 24,  
wherein the processing action comprises transcoding at least one  
of the elements of the media file into a desired media format.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A product according to ~~claim 29~~  
~~claim 22~~, wherein the elements of the media file comprise an  
ordered sequence of frames, and wherein the instructions cause  
the computer to use the servlet to select a segment within the  
sequence responsive to the request.

31. (Original) A product according to claim 29,  
wherein the elements of the media file comprises a plurality of  
media tracks temporally juxtaposed in parallel, and wherein the  
instructions cause the computer to use the servlet to select one  
or more of the tracks.

32. (Original) A product according to claim 22,  
wherein the servlet comprises a subset of the instructions, and  
the subset of the instructions comprises instructions written in  
a platform-independent, object-oriented computer language.